

APPENDIX A
(Clean Copy Of Amended Claims)

Sub C1
8. (Amended) A data carrier which is manufactured and thereafter issued for use, said data carrier having a body provided with a multilayer, optically variable element, said optically variable element comprising diffraction structures, said diffraction structures presenting visually recognizable information, wherein the data carrier is provided with an alteration in a portion of the optically variable element, the alteration comprising a modification of the contour of the diffraction structures, thereby individualizing the appearance of the optically variable element, the alteration being affected prior to issuance of the data carrier, and wherein the data carrier is provided with a printed pattern, said printed pattern being at least partially overlapped by the optically variable element.

Sub C2
20. (Amended) The data carrier of claim 8, wherein the printed pattern comprises a transparent luminescent substance, luminescent substance, or a substance reflective in the infrared spectral range.

Sub C1
77. (New) A data carrier which is manufactured and thereafter issued for use, said data carrier having a body provided with a multilayer, optically variable element, said optically variable element comprising diffraction structures, said diffraction structures presenting visually recognizable information, wherein the data carrier is provided with an alteration in a portion of the optically variable element, the alteration comprising a partial removal, change, or destruction of the contour of the diffraction structures, thereby individualizing the recognizable information of the unmodified diffraction structure, the alteration being affected prior to issuance of the data carrier, and wherein the data carrier is provided with a printed pattern, said printed pattern being at least partially overlapped by the optically variable element.